Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a lovely and restful holiday. The weather certainly was very kind to us all. During the school holidays we had more trees removed from our playground as a result of the arborist report the school recently had completed. We are in the process of using the mulch to beautify the playground.

Thank you to Marcelle and her SPLASH team who organised a fantastic vacation holiday program. The students certainly enjoyed the various activities.

Yesterday’s staff development day was focused on all staff updating their emergency care and CPR training. Staff were introduced to the Positive Behaviour for Learning program that will be implemented during the next two terms that will support our Restorative Practice program and completed further training in the changes to the disability act.

Once again it will be another busy term, with the athletics carnival, Naidoc performance, Education and Book week and Showcase. No doubt I know our amazing Ashbury community will support the staff and students during these events.

Dee Stephenson
Relieving Principal

Enrolling Now
If you or anyone you know has a child starting kindergarten in 2015 and is in area for Ashbury Public School, please submit your enrolment application form as soon as possible to enable us to confirm numbers for next year. Thank you.
Athletics Carnival
The athletics carnival will be held Monday 21st July at Pratten Park Ashfield. We have had to change venues this year due to lights being installed at Campbell Oval. As a result of the change of venue buses have been booked to transport the students and staff to and from Pratten Park. This will mean unfortunately that the high jump and long jump events will be scheduled on other days. We will be completing the high jump for all competitors at school during lunch time and for any students who wish to participate in long jump we have managed to secure the long jump pits at Campbell Oval for Thursday 24th July from 3pm. Please carefully read the athletics carnival notes for all information. Any questions regarding the carnival please contact Mr Robinson. Looking forward to seeing parents, grandparents and friends supporting the carnival as it is always a great day. The Band Committee will be organizing the BBQ. Year 6 parents are running a cake stall and we are hopefully organizing a coffee van to come so we can all have something hot to drink.

Education Week
Week 3 is Education Week. Education Week is the opportunity for all to celebrate and support the outstanding work and achievements of Public Education in NSW. It is always a very busy week and we love seeing so many parents, grandparents and friends support our students throughout the week. Below is an outline of the events that Ashbury PS will be participating in. Yes it is a very full week. We will also be celebrating Naidoc Week during this week.
Monday 28 July – Naidoc performer Ryka Ali
Tuesday 29 July – 11:30 -12 Performance at Ashfield Mall by the Senior choir and Senior recorder groups
Wednesday 30 July – Years 2-4 participating in the summer edition of the “Carnival of the Codes’
Thursday 31 July – Open Day 10:00- 10:30 Open classrooms, 11:00 – 12:00 Performances under the COLA by the choir, dance and recorder groups and the concert band. There will also be a BBQ lunch available
Friday 1 August - PSSA

Opera House Spectacular
Congratulations to our Concert Band, Recorders and String ensemble that all absolutely wowed the audience at the Opera House in the last week of term. Our outstanding Concert Band were invited as guest artists at the Festival of Instrumental Music - Acacia Concert. Thank you to Mrs Kaye, Mrs Kapruziak, Mrs D’Arrigo and Miss Bayndrian for supervising the students who are all to be commended on their excellent performances and behaviour. They were certainly a credit to Ashbury PS.
Community Message

Dear Principal,
As most of you are aware I have been patrolling your school zones in terms 1 and 2. I have mainly issued warnings to people that are breaking the law by stopping or parking illegally. This will no longer be the case. Please make your parents aware that the warning will no longer be given. Fines will be now issued or sent in the mail for people that stop or park illegally. Please make them aware that Police do not actually have to speak to offenders, they can take down the number plate, time and date of the vehicle breaking the law and send the fine in the mail. Photos will be taken to support the fine. Please make sure that parents pass this information onto anyone else that may be dropping or picking up their children from school.
Hopefully this will deter people from doing the wrong thing.
On a better note please remind your teachers that I am available for talks on a range of subjects, (cyber safety, assault, bullying, etc). Please contact me and book a time that you require. I am also happy to talk to parents either during the day or after hours at parent meetings.

Kind Regards
Constable James BOTTALICO
Youth Liaison Officer

Community Garden

Thank you to the Community Garden who once again provided a wonderful opportunity for our Kindergarten students to use the garden and experience the joy of cooking using fresh products picked directly from the garden. Thank you to Jo and all the parent helpers who assisted our budding chefs.

Today KV went to our school garden. We saw a red apple, yellow bananas and a purple carrot. We heard the carrot crack. Joanna and some parents helped us. We made fruit salad, pasta salad, rice salad and rainbow wraps. We liked all the food we made. They were YUMMY.

KV enjoying cooking in the garden.

On the last day of Term 2 the Community Garden members with the help of the school’s Environmental Officers completed a harvest of the garden. The fresh produce harvested was then sold to the school community as parents and students arrived at school. It was wonderful to see so many parents and students getting involved and discovering how wonderful it is to be able to eat fresh produce directly from the garden.
Centennial Park Excursion
Year 1/K went on an excursion on Wednesday 18th June to Centennial Park to investigate wet and dry environments. Here are a few of the recounts that the children from Year 1 and Kindy wrote:

On Wednesday Year 1 went to Centennial Park. We went by bus. Firstly we had recess. During the first activity we were looking for mini beasts. Sam found lots of water boatmen. After that we looked at the swamp. It was really muddy. Next, we went to make animals. We used clay. Following that, we made homes for our animals. We used sticks. Next we had lunch. As soon as we finished we got on the bus. On the way home I saw lots of ducks. My favourite part was at the swamp.

By Mitchell (1X)

On Wednesday we went on an excursion to Centennial Park. Firstly we had recess. As soon as we finished recess we went to the first activity. The activity was catching mini beasts. Following that we went for a walk in the swamp.

By Caleb (KX)
Dear Ms Stephenson

2M would like to tell you that they had a fantastic time on their excursion to Centennial Park.

We got the opportunity to make animals out of clay, make habitats, go drip netting and even went on a swamp walk. Perhaps next time you can come with us on an excursion.

from
2M

Ms Stephenson
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Sydney  NSW
Pennant winners:

- Ben 4/3H
- Alex 4/3H
- Esther 4/3H
- Carter 6/5L
- William 2M
- Petronius 3N
- Archie 3N
- Sherry 1/KX
- Praveen 6/5L
- Holly 4J
- Aatish 3M

Notes Sent Home This Fortnight:

- Athletics Carnival
- Carnival of the Codes (Yr 2-4)
- Winter PSSA (Netball/Touch)

If you missed any of these notes please call in to the office for a copy

Piano Lessons

- Qualified teacher with 30 years experience
- Sydney Conservatorium of Music accredited teacher
- AMEB exam preparation
- Beginners and advanced students welcome
- Theory and musicianship tuition available
- Located in the Ashfield/Summer Hill area

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Phone Gabriella Pekanovic on 0402 668 874

Trivia & Games Night

Friday 15 August

Games include:
- Dart Board, Treasure Map, Top Flight, Heads or Tails, Paper Aeroplane Competitions, Coin Slide and more.

Maggie Sports Club
40 Hampton St, Croydon Park
7pm for 7.30pm start

$20 pp includes platters of food supplied by Passion’s Restaurant

RSVP: July 21st
info@croydonparkbusiness.com.au
or 0414 664 904 / 0485 122 159

Also calling for businesses to donate prizes or sponsor a round of questions.

Businesses will be promoted on the night including your business cards & brochures on tables. PLUS Facebook posts.